

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title : Sealing Arrangement for Sealing a Gap Between Two  
Components Which Can Rotate in Relation to Each  
Other About a Common Rotational Axis

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 21, 2007. The two-month extended response due date is May 21, 2008.

**A Listing of the Currently Pending Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.